GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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CONSTRUCTION OF DAMS IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware heavy damage of infrastructure in the recent past due to flood in Assam;

(b) if so, the steps taken to sanction the grant of Rs. 5000 crore for reconstruction of State; and

(c) the target set for completion of Pagladiya Dam, Barak Dam and Eurukamukh Dam Projects in Assam?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The assistance sought by Government of Assam for management of floods of 2004 is Rs.2505.86 crore. Steps taken by Central Government are:-

(1) Provided Special Plan Assistance and Additional Central Assistance amounting to Rs.240.00 crore in the Annual Plan 2004-05 of Assam, as part of the Reconstruction Plan for flood damaged areas.

(2) Rs.92.52 crore released as Central share under the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF).

(3) Taking into account the report of the Central Team and recommendations of the Inter-Ministerial Group and norms of assistance, the High Level Committee (HLC) approved Rs.345.37 crore for flood relief subject to adjustment of fund available under CRF. Accordingly Rs.171.87 crore was released.

(4) The HLC has also approved the following:-

(i) Additional Assistance of 1 lakh Metric tonne rice (costing Rs.120.00 crore).

(ii) Rs.13.45 crore from special component of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP).

(iii) The cost of transportation of fodder, animal feed and medicine by the Railways and the cost of deployment of IAF helicopters to be released from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) to the State on actual basis.

(5) The HLC recommended assistance on aspects which were not admissible under CRF/NCCF to the State through the respective Ministries/Departments:-

(i) Rs.20.00 crore for National Highways.

(ii) Rs.11.23 crore for Kaziranga National Park.

(iii) Rs.3.02 crore for Secondary Education.

(6) On receipt of supplementary memorandum from State Govt. and based on the report of Central Team and recommendations of the Inter-Ministerial Group, the following further amount has been approved:-

(i) Rs.39.68 crore from NCCF

(ii) Rs.6.02 crore from ARWSP.

(7) Rs.10.91 crore spent by Brahmaputra Board for flood control drainage development and anti erosion schemes upto November, 2004.

(8) A scheme approved to take up critical flood control and anti erosion schemes in Brahmaputra and Barak valley for Assam and other North-Eastern States for Rs.150.00 crore (share of Assam Rs.81.00 crore) during 10th Plan.

(9) A High Level Task Force constituted to look into the recurring flood and erosion problems including representatives from Assam , which has been asked to submit its report by 31st December, 2004.

(c) The targets set for completion of dams are detailed as below:

(i) Pagladiya Dam : March 2008 subject to completion of Zirath survey by Govt. of Assam.

(ii) Tipaimukh Dam over Barak : Seven years three months from the date of clearance by CCEA which is awaited.

(iii) Eurukamukh (Gerukhamukh) Dam : September, 2010.